



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

| <u>TSPC Members:</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| (Chair) Mark Howard | X | |
| Eric Wood (Vice-Chair) | X | |
| Tom Hamilton | X | |
| Doris Maez | X | |
| Sol Weiner (arrival at 8:20 pm) | X | |

Staff in Attendance:

Klara Fabry, Public Services Director
Steve Davis, Public Works Department
Frans Lind, Public Works Department
Matt Campi, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 19

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mark Howard recommended moving Item 5A to the beginning of the agenda for the benefit of members of the public. (M/Howard, S/Wood: 4-0-0) Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Doris Maez stated on page 3, paragraph 7, change "Doris Maez confirmed that" to "Doris Maez asked if". Change noted. Approval of the minutes for the January 7, 2009 meeting made by Mark Howard, second by Tom Hamilton (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 4-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Anthony Fregoso, 525 Linden, asked how to address the issue of speeding on Linden. There are children that live on the block and a school at the end of the block. Mark Howard responded that a letter requesting a review of speeding on Linden should be addressed to Frans Lind, Traffic Engineer, as well as contacting the Police Department to inform them. Commander Campi stated he will pass the

information on to the Traffic Sergeant and within a few months, there should be an improvement. Residents are also welcome to call the Police with traffic concerns at any time.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Traffic Calming Measures on Fleetwood Drive, northerly City limit to Crestwood Drive

Frans Lind stated this item was brought forward due to complaints from residents along Fleetwood Drive regarding traffic safety, such as speeding, insufficient sight distance, and safety for children playing in the neighborhood.

Staff has conducted speed surveys at three locations along Fleetwood. The measurements taken on the northern section of Fleetwood showed that more than half of the 1000 motorists per day measured were exceeding the speed limit of 25 mph. The measurement along the Berkshire section of Fleetwood had a count of over 600 cars per day and showed slightly less than half of the vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. The crests along Fleetwood are very pronounced, making visibility poor. There is a four-way stop on Berkshire at Fleetwood, on Sequoia at Fleetwood and on Rollingwood at Fleetwood and a stop sign at Crestwood. There are very few crosswalks along Fleetwood. There is no crosswalk at the four-way intersection at Berkshire, a crosswalk at Rollingwood Drive, a mid-block crosswalk at Fleetwood Park, crosswalks at the four-way stop at Sequoia and the four-way stop at Rollingwood. There is a steep downhill grade of 13% on the easterly portion of Fleetwood.

The City staff recommendation includes installation of speed limit signs along both directions of Fleetwood, painting the speed limit on the pavement and working with the Police Department to enhance enforcement operations.

Fleetwood is a wide street, about 40 feet across, so this can encourage speeding. Wide edge stripes are recommended to give the appearance of a narrower street. At the base of Rollingwood the lanes become very narrow, so staff recommends a seven-foot wide edge stripe be installed, leaving a nine-foot wide travel lane; installation of a centerline stripe, as well as signage warning of the narrow street. Accident records show three sideswipes and three other accidents at this location. The seven foot striping will run down to Sequoia and then the street runs a little wider at this location, so there will be a ten foot travel lane down to Crestwood.

A crosswalk will be added over Fleetwood at Rollingwood. ADA ramps will be added to the crosswalks at a later time. Eight stop signs will be added along Fleetwood at the side street intersections.

Mark Howard asked if the stop sign locations have any warrants based on the recommendations. Frans responded that based on the MUTCD recommendations, the stop signs will be placed where the side streets intersect with a major street, such as Fleetwood.

Mark Howard commented that the white edge lining being recommended on Fleetwood has been successful on Crestmoor. Tom Hamilton stated there was not much improvement with the lines being installed on Crestmoor, but saw a big improvement with the stop sign.

Eric Wood stated he noticed improvement with the speed indicator light sign. Mark Howard stated that the speed indicator signs may be more effective than adding ancillary stop signs on the courts. This may have more impact.

Doris Maez stated she will be abstaining from voting on the issue, since she lives on Fleetwood. She confirmed that certain sections are very narrow, even at the posted speed limit. The hill near the South

San Francisco border creates speed, with drivers gunning their engines to get up the hill. The curb lines are a good idea. Rollingwood centerlines are completely faded and need re-painting. The proposed crosswalks should be hatched and not just straight lines to make them more visible. The crosswalks at the intersection of Fleetwood and Rollingwood are very faded.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Bob Blair, 2400 Fleetwood, agrees with any recommendation to slow down traffic, but there is an additional problem in the area. Pedestrians are in danger due to vehicles not stopping at the existing stop signs when crossing Fleetwood and Rollingwood. Drivers travel through the stop signs on Sequoia at Fleetwood as well. The speeding problem is mainly vehicles coming down Rollingwood.

Mark Howard commented that stop signs can give pedestrians a false sense of security, so installing them is not always the best answer.

Peter Bencharsky, 2915 Fleetwood Drive, wanted to clarify if this Committee was more in favor of posting a 25 mph sign versus stop signs. The lined crosswalks need to be placed near Rollingwood School. When will the work be completed? He wrote a letter on November 24, 2008 to the Mayor and the major concern voiced in the letter was speeding drivers traveling on Fleetwood.

Mark Howard asked Frans when this issue would go before the Council. Frans responded it would be on next month's agenda. Mark Howard stated the City staff has made a recommendation for mitigation measures in this neighborhood and a public meeting was held one year ago to gather the public feedback. At this point a recommendation will be made by the TSPC, and that will go before the Council on March 24. It will be up to the Council to review the recommendation, so attending the meeting and voicing concerns is important.

Peter Bencharsky asked about being noticed for the meeting. Mark Howard noted that the agenda is posted outside City Hall and is posted on the City's website. Steve Davis stated a notice will also be sent to attendees of this meeting.

Wayne Kutlik, 2771 Fleetwood Drive, asked why it has taken a year to take action on this item. He would also like to see the speed notice signs included on Fleetwood.

Tom Hamilton responded that these items take time. Mark Howard stated that staff puts a lot of work into each issue and they are working with limited resources.

Wayne Kutlik also asked about the striping that has faded on Fleetwood when sewer work was done 2 years ago. The contractor that performed the work should have repainted this.

Sal Castro, 2790 Fleetwood, felt the speed signs that have been installed are not gathering accurate data, as they go up at 8:30 am and are down by 3 pm. Most of the speeding takes place between 4 and 6 pm. His son was almost hit walking across the street because of a speeding driver.

Mark Howard responded that the speed signs are actually working to collect data when the signs are down, so when the signs are up it is just as a traffic calming measure for drivers. The data is collected during all hours. Steve Davis stated that when counts are taken, a rubber tube is placed on the ground to measure volume and it is measured for 24 hours at each location. Tom Hamilton responded that the result of the speed study is only one factor that the Committee considers and there is no argument that speeding on Fleetwood is an issue.

Byron Gong, 3391 Fleetwood, stated his truck has had many near misses with speeders. The edge lines may help and he is happy that something is being done. As a Caltrans worker, he would volunteer his time to help with the painting.

Kathy Michelucci, 2856 Fleetwood, stated her concern with the side striping is that it will make vehicles drive down the center of the road even more than they do now. She also stated a number of cars on Fleetwood have a large collection of leaves under them and are never moved. The City should get these cars off the street and give more room to drivers.

Mark Howard stated the Police Department has a vehicle abatement program and they will come out to inspect any vehicle parked over three days. Commander Campi responded that if you call the Police Department, the vehicle will be added to their list and taken care of.

Kathy Michelucci asked why Fleetwood doesn't have "no parking signs" for street sweeping days? Mark Howard stated that is a question for the City Council.

Ron Stillman, 3670 Fleetwood, stated he likes the idea of the installation of two stop signs. The stop signs and crosswalks should be a high priority.

Jeffrey Tong, 3660 Fleetwood, stated he agrees that the lighted speed signs are the best option, especially at Fleetwood and St. Cloud. He was almost hit just crossing a residential section of the street. Signs are a waste of money.

Sal Castro, 2790 Fleetwood, stated he doesn't understand why there is no recommendation for stop signs on Fleetwood if the speeding issue is on that street. Mark Howard responded that stop signs are not always the answer for speeding, especially if drivers are running through the existing stop signs in the neighborhood.

Bob Blair, 2400 Fleetwood, stated he has not seen one police officer giving tickets on Fleetwood in the past year.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Mark Howard confirmed there is a four-way stop at Berkshire, at Sequoia and at Rollingwood. Doris Maez commented there is a three way stop at Crestwood on Fleetwood.

Tom Hamilton stated he'd like to see something done at St. Cloud and Fleetwood, since there is a long stretch of road coming off Westborough. He clarified that all the items discussed at this meeting does not preclude putting in stop signs at a later date. He asked if staff could perform a warrant study on Fleetwood for stop sign installation.

Tom Hamilton made a motion to request staff perform a warrant study for a three-way stop at Fleetwood and St. Cloud. Second by Mark Howard. (M/Hamilton, S/Howard: 3-0-1) (Doris Maez abstained.) Approved.

Eric Wood made a motion to request staff also perform a warrant study for a three-way stop at Cottonwood and Fleetwood. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Wood, S/Hamilton: 3-0-1) (Doris Maez abstained.) Approved.

Mark Howard made a motion to accept the following staff recommendations: to install additional speed limit signs and new "25 MPH" painted markings on the pavement to reinforce the established 25 MPH speed limit as well as adding two solar powered portable radar speed signs to be used on Fleetwood as

determined by staff and moved as necessary to address speed concerns; routine Police enforcement on Fleetwood Drive; installing new centerline stripes and new lane edge markings to reduce the width of vehicle drive lanes to 10 feet within the north City boundary to Rollingwood Drive and 9 feet between Rollingwood Drive and Sequoia and 10 feet between Sequoia and Crestwood; addition of hatched pedestrian crosswalk markings at the intersections of Berkshire Drive and Rollingwood Drive; delete the recommendation for 8 new stop signs; refreshing the paint at the existing crosswalks at the four way stop at Fleetwood and Rollingwood and adding hatching; installation of warning reflectors and hatch lines for any unprotected crosswalks that do not have a stop sign; staff evaluation for the installation of center crosswalk paddles as needed to be determined by City staff. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/ Howard, S/Hamilton: 3-0-1) (Doris Maez abstained.) Approved.

B. Consideration of New Red Curb “No Parking” Zone on West Side El Camino Real at Driveway to City Parking Lot

Frans Lind clarified an error listed on sheet 3 of 3 of the attachments: under “recommendation” the number listed should be 40 linear feet of red curbing instead of 80 feet.

Staff has received verbal concerns from employees about the safety of visibility when exiting the El Camino Real side of the City parking lot just south of Fire Station 51. This is a right turn only exit. Staff conducted a clear sight distance study and found that 250 feet are required for clear sight distance, but there is a need to retain a certain percentage of parking for the public. Most of the vehicles parked along El Camino Real at this location are due to a food vending truck that sells food for about three hours each day.

Mark Howard commented that the next time the lot is re-paved, the diagonal parking should be changed to make the exit where the current entrance is. This would give a better clear sight distance and then the red curbing could be removed. Commander Campi replied that the Fire Department currently utilizes their driveway for Fire apparatus and changing the entrance/exit layout would affect City Fire staff needs.

Doris Maez voiced her concern over the lack of parking for the public when visiting City Hall and she would like to avoid taking any more parking spots for red curbing. Tom Hamilton stated the parking spots being taken are not used for City Hall parking, but more for the food vendor. Doris Maez agreed but would still like to see more parking created for members of the public, perhaps by designating parking spaces within the lot for the public. Klara Fabry stated she would share this concern and look into it.

Steve Davis stated he would like to have staff perform more research on the issue of committing public parking spaces in the current City lot. This could be placed on a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

Anthony Fregoso, 525 Linden, stated his concern was regarding the red curb, but he thought it was going to be placed on the Linden side, not the El Camino Real side.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Mark Howard made a motion to approve the recommendation with the request for staff to research the request for designated public parking spaces to be marked in the City Hall parking lot. Second by Doris Maez. (M/ Howard, S/Maez: 4-1-0) Approved.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Doris Maez, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee representative, stated at the last meeting they discussed the triangle between of El Camino Real, San Bruno Avenue and San Mateo Avenue in reference to the redevelopment of that area. There was a public workshop on January 21, 2009 to consider public input to consider changing the zoning for the area. There was also a meeting with the National Archives representative regarding pedestrian safety on Commodore and it is a relatively expensive solution of about \$320,000 that the City would pay about half of. This has not been resolved yet. There was also discussion of the north-south bike route signs on El Camino Real. There was also a plan to honor the former owner of The Bike Route store and Karen Saunder with the Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance for all of their assistance to the Committee. The annual report will be given to the City Council on February 24.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Hamilton wanted to remind the Committee members to attend the City Council meeting next week to support their recommendations of the Monterey Drive issues. It will be at 7pm on February 10th.

Doris Maez received a call from Carolyn Livengood and she wanted to know why it was taking so long to address the safety issues she had raised at College Drive. Doris Maez wanted to comment that there was very visible Police enforcement on College Drive the other day. The stakeholders meeting is an ongoing process and as a follow up there will be another meeting on April 18, so it is a chance to get involved in the process.

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF –

Commander Campi stated there have been some changes to enforcement and there has been a motor officer brought in earlier in the morning to work at some of the schools and address some of the issues brought forward by Frans and the public. Police also received a grant for two new radar units and they are being used. The Police Department is out there working as part of the coordinated effort.

Mark Howard responded that the proactive efforts of the Police Department are appreciated by the public.

Steve Davis stated staff put together a grant application for the requested changes on Commodore Drive and submitted this. Staff should hear later in the month if it was approved. It is federal money but it is focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Sol Weiner commented he was appreciative of Frans' hard work on these issues.

Frans Lind wanted to address Doris Maez's request from the last meeting to evaluate the parking requirements for staff members at St. Robert's school. Frans checked with the Planning Department and their use permit does not require staff to park on the premises.

Frans Lind stated the traffic signal at Crestmoor and Shelter Creek Lane is still being tweaked for signal timing by Caltrans, who will be maintaining the operation of the signal.

Tom Hamilton asked about the timing for sewer project along Crystal Springs. Steve Davis responded that the contract has been completed and the contractor asked for a delay in the start. Staff approved this, so there will be a four-week delay in construction commencement but the contractor will cut his total construction time by two weeks.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on March 4, 2009 at 7 p.m.

(M/Howard, S/Maez): 5-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 8:30 pm.